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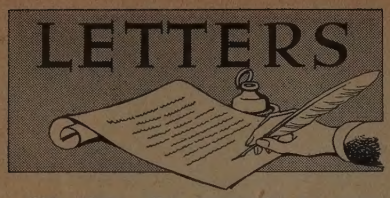

This column offers opportunity for expressions on matters of interest to our readers. Letters must be signed, although names will be withheld by the Editors upon request.

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FEASTING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

DEAR EDITORS:

Although I was once a part-time Christian, God laid upon me the responsibility of an office which was new itself at the time, and I keenly felt the need of divine guidance. I sought a larger measure of grace through communing once a month, knowing that to do so would brand me a fanatic. . . . Our Lord blessed me in almost unbelievable ways . . . also my husband, since he began communing frequently.

As Lutherans we have not suffered anyone to change the word "is": "This *is* My body," "This *is* My blood," and we teach that there is but one Person by whom we have access to the Father. Yet many of our congregations are definitely in a malnourished condition. Since my work has taken me to many congregations, I have seen how Luther's minimum of three or four times yearly is the maximum — a starvation diet, spiritually, in all too many places. . . .

. . . As a tiny tendril on the Vine, I cannot live apart from that Vine. I must constantly draw strength from Him who said: "I came that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly."

The longer we remain away from the Lord's Supper, the less we feel the need, and the more self-righteous and self-satisfied we become — which certainly is an unfailing sign of spiritual decay. . . .

Do we commune just often enough to keep *going* or to keep *growing?* "Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh." Heb. 10:19-20.

Portage, Wis. MRS. R. N. ANDERSEN

THEY PRACTICE WHAT THEY PREACH

DEAR EDITORS:

When two representatives of the Foreign Mission Society of Concordia Seminary came to my office last year and asked for permission to sponsor one of the vicars who was to be sent to Guatemala, Central America, we were overjoyed to know of this personal interest of the Seminary students and of their willingness to bring sacrifices for this cause.

But what a surprise when month after month the full salary of the vicar was delivered to our office! The school year is not yet ended, but the full promised amount ($1,700) has already been contributed.

"How did you manage to raise so much money for this cause?" we asked. "We merely told the story and announced the weekly mission collection. Before the year is up, we expect to add another sizable sum to our contribution. And we are planning bigger things for next year!"

These are the men who will teach Christian stewardship from their pulpits in days to come. They are already *now* teaching us by their liberal example. May their zeal provoke many.

St. Louis H. A. MAYER

OLD FOLKS' HOMES NEEDED

DEAR EDITORS:

My wife and I are on Old Age Pension and Social Security. . . . That is a very good article on pages 52—53, February 20, 1951, by Dr. Henry F. Wind, about old people. . . . I don't believe there is one Lutheran old folks' home run by the Missouri Synod in the State of Minnesota. Why is it? . . . The Wisconsin Synod has one home for the aged at Belle Plaine, and now just last week they let a contract for a new addition that is going to be built this spring. . . . Lots of people ask, Where will we get the funds to build a home for the aged? God simply says to us, "Do it," and He will take care of the rest. . . . Why couldn't the congregations take up a collection for an old folks' home? The old people don't want to live with the young folks. They want to be together with the old folks. And ninety per cent are on old-age assistance and Social Security. They could pay their own way out of this. But the homes for the old folks have to be built.

Minneapolis, Minn. HENRY J. FUHS

MUCH HARM AND NO GOOD IN DRINKING

DEAR EDITORS:

I heartily agree with Mrs. E. F. and J. W. Huelles' view on alcoholic drinking, as in the February 6 and April 3 issues. In 1 Cor. 8:13 St. Paul says: "Wherefore if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." I believe this also holds good concerning drink. And I know of no other one thing that causes our brothers and also our sisters to offend so much in as in alcoholic drink. I believe there is more untold misery, poverty, broken homes and hearts caused by this bad habit than by any other one thing. In view of this, I surely wish our Church would not O. K. it, especially for the young.

But I recommend to this mother that she call her boy's attention to this verse, and if he wants to avoid taking the chance of leading some weaker soul into the drink habit by putting his approval on alcoholic drinking, which he does by his use of it, he would do well by leaving it alone. It does cause an awful lot of harm and, according to the best of authorities, no good.

Chicago, Ill. WM. F. DANNER

MORE FACTS ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CONFERENCE ON RELIGION

DEAR EDITORS:

The March 6 issue of the LUTHE WITNESS carried an item anent the rec Conference on Religion at the Univers of Minnesota. It may interest you to kn that the Missouri Synod was represen by special invitation, that its represen tive appeared on a conference panel bef the plenary group, that the Misso Synod's Student Service program rated tops, that the views and reacti of the Missouri Synod's representat were repeatedly solicited, and that seve State schools have subsequently solici the aid of the Missouri Synod in sett up religious programs on their campus

At the Minnesota Conference the M souri Synod representative urged deno ination-sponsored rather than interfa worship. He also declared the extre difficulty, if not inability, to teach relig objectively, and encouraged the teach on the denominational level. He also su ported the view that there is a pat difference between the separation Church and State and the separation religion and the State.

R. W. HAHN, *Executive Secret* Student Service Commissio

Chicago

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THE COVER

Mr. John H. Fajen, Stover, Mo., a s dent at Concordia Theological Semina St. Louis, meets Chief of Chaplains Roy Parker in his Pentagon office. Mr. Fa was one of 99 theological students w took part in the second annual Washing Seminar on Church and Governme March 19—21. The students learned t youth — Christian youth — is one o country's greatest resources.

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o one ever returns from Calvary out of debt" — the statement was of those little "fillers" at the end page, inserted by a typesetter ly to fill out the column. Jim the statement once, he read it e, he puzzled over it: What can ssibly mean? "Calvary" he under- l all right; that's where Christ on the Cross. But that "debt" ness bothered him. Hadn't Jesus "It is finished"? Wasn't the debt paid? Still, "No one ever returns Calvary out of debt." At last he luded and rightly so: This can mean that people who behold the cified One and acknowledge Him Savior now have something to do. y ask, as Paul once did: "Lord, t wilt Thou have me to do?"

The Debt

To the question "What do I have you to do, now that you have id salvation?" the Lord would y: "Take the good news about sal- on and tell it to the world!"

"I, Lord?"

"Yes, you."

"But what if I don't do it?"

"I have no other plan. I expect that will tell somebody else and that n turn will pass the good word on thers until everybody has heard."

"Everybody, Lord?"

"Yes, everybody. Go, make disciples ll nations. It is My will that re- tance and remission of sins be ached in My name among all ons."

A "Sacrifice"

Well-meaning people keep writing: surely admire your spirit of rifice in going way out there to the vaiian Islands to be a missionary." rifice? The only sacrifice we know thing about is the one made on vary. We have been to Calvary. have asked: "Lord, what now?" has replied: "Go, preach, win ple for My kingdom — in Hono- !" And we are but cheerfully lling the function our Lord has n us to carry out.

David Livingstone once replied to praise of certain friends for his rifices" in bringing the Gospel to ca: "I never made a sacrifice. Of we ought not to talk when we remember the sacrifice He made who left His Father's throne to give Himself for us." He had been to Calvary. So have we.

Not Alone

Others have, too. Our Church, among many Christian groups, is represented in twenty-three different countries by men and women who have been to Calvary and then went out "into all the world."

Our Church is made up largely of individual Christians who have been to Calvary and now have a new life purpose.

A noted American evangelist has written that it is not so. He charges that 85% of the church people of America could die, pass out of the picture altogether, and yet, so far as helping to reach souls for Christ, they would never be missed.

We don't think that is so.

A fifteen-year-old girl was shopping in a store. Another shopper invited her to come to a humble basement Sunday school three miles away. Six weeks later they met again, and the invitation was repeated. This time it was accepted. A few weeks later this girl had been to Calvary and had found her Savior. A few more weeks and she had gathered a group of children around her and was bringing them with her. Later she offered herself for foreign mission work and at last reports (1948) had served nine years in Africa.

Something similar is going on quietly wherever there are believers.

A Chain Reaction

We hear much these days about "chain reaction"; somehow, so we are told, that's what makes the bomb go off. Yet the "boom" it makes is as nothing compared to the explosive power which is found in the hearts and lives of Christians who have "returned from Calvary." What chain reactions that starts!

Somebody, by the grace of God, was God's agent for bringing the chain reaction to us; we were led to Calvary and caught up in the arms of the Savior and put into possession of eternal life.

Now we, in turn, stand in key positions to continue the "reaction." Upon us, under God, rests the necessity of continuing the chain to take in more and more people to lead them to Calvary. What a privilege to be a part of that process which causes even heaven to rejoice.

Into All the World

Generally speaking, there are 100 such "charged" witnesses in the home field to every 1 in foreign fields.

Accordingly, young people will wonder: Perhaps God could use *me* in one of those foreign areas. They do not remain unmoved when mission articles (see the LUTHERAN WITNESS, January 9, 1951, p. 13) conclude with: "If only more missionaries were available!" Soon they are talking it over with their Lord: "Lord, shall I go? Here am I, send me, if it be Thy will." They talk it over with a faithful pastor or other loved ones. Perhaps God's purpose is to lead them from Calvary "into all the world."

Or if not, God will say: "You be My witness right where you are, there in Tacoma or Tampa, in Chicago or Chattanooga. The chain reaction works there also. And, besides, there is the hard work of prayer for you to do, and the easier work of giving."

Giving, Too

A missionary writes from India that something is "all wrong" with our Church in regard to giving. There must be, he feels, because, for example, our Lutheran Hour has to retrench while the sects take over more radio time. This is a symptom of a deeper problem. He fears that some of our congregations are allocating their funds for missions like the Belgian butcher who insisted that his hamburgers were only *half* horsemeat — one horse to one rabbit (mission gifts, in this instance, corresponding to the rabbit). Are we perhaps forgetting Calvary? Are we perhaps asking, "How much will people give?" and not enough of, "How much ought be spent? How much may we give?" Oh, that we might all learn to be truly "rich toward God" for the love of Him who hung on the Cross.

The editor of the *Lutheran* once wrote: "Whenever the Church doesn't have the urge to carry the Christian Gospel to faraway lands, it dries up at home."

Calvary can stimulate that "urge." The Church gets a new vision of its "debt" out there at the Cross.

"No one ever returns from Calvary out of debt" — at least we don't. Do you?

Chain Reaction in Missions

By the REV. WINFRED A. SCHROEDER

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To Win and to Hold:

CHRISTIAN YOUTH EMERGENCY ACTION

The title above was introduced to the Church in a letter from President J. W. Behnken to the congregations of Synod, which he asked the pastors to read to the congregations on Palm Sunday or at another suitable time.

This letter is the result of consultations on the part of the Board for Young People's Work with Dr. Behnken and representatives of the Walther League.

In these conferences, efforts were made to face realistically the situation confronting the young people today. There are probably about 250,000 to 280,000 young people in the 4,356 congregations of our Synod in the United States and 275 congregations in Canada. It is the responsibility of the Church to win and to hold these young people for Christ.

By the REV. CLARENCE PETERS
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Facing Materialism and Secularism

Young people find themselves in the midst of a generation which seeks to satisfy unlimited demands with limited material resources.

The view prevails, and men live by it, that life has been served when the individual gets what he wants, even if he makes no contribution of sacrifice and support to others.

Fastening itself upon the thinking of people as a cancerous disease is the materialistic satisfaction with, and slavish bowing to, authority. Materialism assumes that the possession of power is the highest good. The more materialistic people become, the more they are ready to bow to authority, and the more they wish they had that authority themselves. This trend, evident in nations and churches, undermines the democratic way of cooperative action and replaces it with power and authority. There is a centralization of power today that is causing grave concern to thinking people.

Youth finds itself in a materialistic age, dominated by the assumption that life is significant for the sake of material things and that God is not important. Materialism is driven by the desires within the individual, desires which the Word calls lust. When the desires of the body exert themselves without reference to God and the purposes for which God gives them, then they become lusts and extend their influence over the entire life of the individual and make him unresponsive to the will and power of God.

Furthermore, the current outlook is secularistic. Secularistic man does not relate God to his life in any way, he feels that he does not need God. Secularism has been defined as the disposition of the human mind for human achievement, excluding God, "the enthronement of man at the center of life, being and thought." Secularistic man feels that particularly through scientific achievements and the social results achieved through pressure groups he has arrived at the point where he can get along without God and the Church.

The Tensions and Uncertainties

Young people, especially the young men, are today living amid uncertainties, tensions, and worries. It has been said that young people of today, that is, those in their middle thirties and younger, have never known anything except tensions and crises. They are not sure of an enduring home, a faithful mate, a job they like and which will provide for them an honest living. Just now the young men again face a long stretch of military duty, which will interrupt their plans, their schooling, their normal life.

Moral standards as laid down in the Word of God are constantly being challenged. Doubt is cast upon the existence of God and the value and trustworthiness of the Church. When textbooks are used in school in which a world purpose, a cosmic order, and the eternal truths are denied, this further helps to confuse youth.

Military Service Offers Opportunities for Christian Witness

In addition, the youth program of the Church today faces the many problems involved in the adoption of universal military training and service for an indefinite period of years. This in effect means that the Church will have fewer years of direct connection with the young people, especially the young men, than has formerly been the case. These young people will have to be spiritually equipped more quickly than ever before. Many of them will never become members of the Senior Walther League, for by that time they will be in uniform. During these years of military service the young men will face the many temptations common to life away from the influence of the family and home and home congregation and will become intimately associated with many who do not know and serve Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The scattering of 40,000 to 50,000 of our Christian youth in military camps throughout our own country and in foreign countries certainly provides a great opportunity for evangelism for our Christian youth. This mission of evangelism requires all the support which an adequate youth program in the home society can give to our young people while they still have the opportunity to participate. In four, or at the most five, years after confirmation the Church must have these young people ready for this venture in evangelism. The youth program must stress the basic values of repentance and faith, of prayer and of worship, which make close and real the companionship of Christ and give our young people the experience with the Word of God which they can share with all whom they meet in their communities anywhere in the world while they are in military training and service. This kind of preparation requires a leadership in the local youth program which can make the comradeship of Christ a living experience in every activity.

And Now the CYEA

The Christian Youth Emergency Action is intended to focus the attention of the Church on the needs and problems of youth and to give such help to pastors, teachers, youth counselors, parents, and young people as may be possible. Especially does the Board for Young People's Work direct the attention of congregations and young people to the Lutheran Service Volunteer Schools and to Lutheran Youth Conferences (see LUTHERAN WITNESS, April 3, 1951, p. 11).

The Board for Young People's Work asked the Walther League to permit the Rev. Walter M. Wangerin to direct this program, releasing him temporarily for regional youth work. The Board for Young People's Work has informed the chairmen of the District youth committees of the program, and Pastor Wangerin is meeting with these chairmen in regional planning meetings

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THE WALTHER LEAGUE

By W. F. WEIHERMAN

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Chicago, Ill.

h is that brief but important iod of life between childhood and ood. It is full of opportunities as as dangers. Never has youth as- l greater importance than during days of war and uncertainty. The ry wants young men and women in for defense and war. Busi- wants men and women with ful ideas to keep pace with the oving scientific and economic es. The Church, too, realizes the of youth and the importance of this period of life for training e leaders and workers in the dom.

Our Youth Program

ur Church recognizes the Walther ue as the official organization and am for our Lutheran youth. In co-operation with Synod's Board oung People's Work, the Inter- nal Walther League offers a com- program of Christian Growth for young people in the Synodical erence. The League provides rials for Bible study, topic study, ons, leadership training, recrea- and every phase of activity for cal young people's society. From utheran Youth Building in Chi- there issues a steady stream of rials and helpful information to ,500 societies in the United States anada and to our Lutheran youth ghout the world.

Training and Fellowship

outh is a period of growth, and the ner League offers our young e a great variety of training and ience which helps them to grow to mature and active members of Church. Foremost among these ing institutes are the Lutheran ce Volunteer Schools and our ner Camps. Last year the League ucted 17 LSV schools and 34 sum- conference camps in various sec- of the United States and Canada. ddition, several thousand young e attended officers' conferences in ically every one of our 40 districts. national also provided two youth ers' conferences, a camp workers' il, and a national presidents' and urers' conference. Among the fine rtunities for fellowship and growth lso the annual international and ct conventions, the zone rallies, and, above all, the regular monthly or bimonthly meetings of the societies in the local congregation.

The spiritual ties of our youth are also bound more closely through the League publications, the *Walther League Messenger,* the *Workers Quarterly,* and the *Cresset.* Many fine district and society publications also bring information and inspiration to the officers and members of the League.

CYEA is Meeting the Present Need

The present emergency requires a growing number of our young people to enter military service in their late teens. Thousands of our young men and young women will be pulled out of their home environment and moved to military camps, universities, and other training schools. Most of these young people will leave not only their homes, but also their local congregations as well. This poses two important problems. It is imperative that we speed up our youth training program between the time of confirmation and age 18; and we must find ways and means to keep in touch with our youth who are away from home.

Realizing the gravity of the situation, Synod's Board for Young People's Work, in consultation with Dr. J. W. Behnken, has requested the assistance of the Walther League for a special endeavor to meet this emergency. Pastor Walter Wangerin of the Walther League staff has been assigned the task of setting up leadership training conferences throughout Synod. These conferences will be arranged under the auspices of the District Synodical Youth Committees and the Walther League as part of the Christian Youth Emergency Action program now being developed. With the co-operation of our pastors and other youth leaders the CYEA will place increased emphasis on youth work and will help to speed up our training program.

Missions and Charity

A vital part of Christianity is the awareness of the needs of others and the sharing of our blessings with those less fortunate. The Walther League carries out a special project of mercy in operating Wheat Ridge Sanatorium and a program of medical social service for those afflicted with tuberculosis. This work under the Wheat Ridge Foundation is supported solely from the contributions received through the Wheat Ridge Christmas Seals campaign.

Among recent mission endeavors sponsored by the League is the Japanese Youth Project through which the Leaguers contributed $20,000 for the establishment of a Lutheran youth center in Sapporo, Japan.

The Bible Reading League

In these troubled days the youth of the world is being propagandized from every side with all sorts of theories and isms. Now more than ever youth needs the positive voice of Christianity for guidance and salvation. For that reason Walther Leaguers everywhere are joining together in a great program called "The Christian Youth Mission."

The first part of this Christian Youth Mission is the establishment of the Bible Reading League. The Walther League is furnishing the entire New Testament in eleven small pocket-size volumes to everyone who enrolls. For the enrollment fee of one dollar the Leaguer at home receives the New Testament set, and at the same time a similar set is sent to some person in the missions of our Church at home or abroad. Outlines for Bible reading will be furnished to the Leaguer at home and to his "mission friend" so that both may share in reading the Scriptures together. This plan was started in January, 1951, and by Easter over 9,000 young people had enrolled, and over 5,000 "mission friends" in 39 countries had received their New Testaments in 20 different languages. Through this sharing of the Scriptures and the correspondence with mission friends our youth are helping to make God's Word a more vital force in the lives of thousands of fellow Christians throughout the world.

For Now and Times Ahead

The Walther League has a twofold mission. It helps to keep our youth with the Church today and prepares them for their responsibilities as members and leaders of our Church in the future. By learning together, working together, playing together, and serving together, our young people are building a spiritual fellowship, which, under divine guidance, will make for a strong and consecrated Lutheran Church during the second half of the 20th century.

The Spirit's Blessings in Asia

By H. H. KOPPELMANN
Assistant Executive Secretary
Board for Foreign Missions

The Rev. Richard Meyer administers bapt to a Japanese boy attending Sunday school Totsuka, Japan, Palm Sunday, March 18, 1

"My Word shall not return unto Me void." How true in our Asiatic fields!

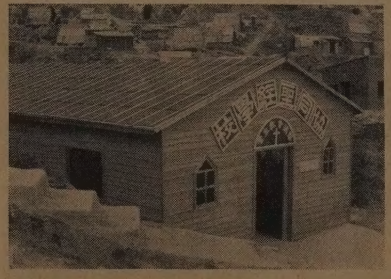
In the Central Highlands of New Guinea a church was dedicated at Irelya on February 4, 1951. It seats 1,500 people, sitting on the ground. It is built in native style, at the suggestion of the natives, and almost wholly at their expense. Though none of these people have yet been baptized, the Word proves its powers of attraction among them. Missionary Willard Burce reports: "Attendance at services has continued to be good since the dedication of the new church building, and it has been nearly filled every Sunday. In addition, the local natives have begun to come in the evenings, lighting their way with torches, to attend our evening devotions with the school boys, and we have an attendance ranging from 50 to 150 every evening — another great opportunity for the sowing and cultivation of the Word."

Harvest in Hong Kong

The British crown colony of Hong Kong is proving the power of the Spirit. On Palm Sunday, twenty-five were baptized at our chapel in Kowloon. The week before, sixteen had received the same blessings in the Rennie's Mill Refugee Camp. Easter there were another ten. Young people take a very active interest in missionary endeavors. Some fifty to sixty attend the regular meetings and carry out very many church activities. The Sunday school grew so large that the missionaries were compelled to use their dining room and bedroom besides the courtyard. Bible classes met in the living room and office. The second-floor porch was enclosed to gain needed space. The chapel is, of course, also used for Sunday school. Services in Kowloon are attended by about 100, while the refugee camp draws even larger numbers. Ninety-five students are enrolled in the Bible school at the camp, which has the set purpose of assisting the students to become cheerful, intelligent, and eager witnesses for Christ.

Our Church must also be grateful to the Lord that He has blessed us with a large class of ministerial candidates in India. Our Nagercoil Seminary dismissed its largest class when on March 30 it presented diplomas to thirty-four graduates. Thus the number of pastors available in India has practically been doubled. Last year 1,800 Indians were baptized. A number of villages have been reached by us for the first time. Outstanding perhaps is the record of the Pernambut station, where eight new villages were entered, and Vaniyambadi, with a record of six. "Bringing Christ to the Nations" is being broadcast from Ceylon in English. In four months' time 400 responses were received from India and 100 from Pakistan.

Japan continues to share the Spirit's blessings. Palm Sunday and Easter saw many groups received into the Church. To give just a few examples from the Tokyo area. At Martin Luther Chapel fifteen were baptized by Missionary George Shibata. Of these, five had been brought by Mr. C. Nixon, Jr., a recent convert to t Lutheran Church, whose home is Washington, D. C. In beautiful Gra Church at Kugenuma Rev. Richa Meyer welcomed twelve into Jes flock and a like number at the Totsu Christian Center. In Yokohama, sev were added to the Church after d instructions from Missionary Ra Egolf. Here also the Sunday sch that was opened March 4 numbe over 100 after two weeks. Though have been represented in Japan o about two and a half years, our em saries are planning a Bible sch which will be housed in the You Center and Seminary building wh came into our possession on March of this year, largely through the g of the Lutheran Women's Missiona League. Our Christians are also taki part in the work of the Church. Und the leadership of Missionary Roy Su flow the people who attend services Niigata carried on a house-to-hou canvass. They stopped at some homes in the immediate vicinity of recently purchased building and pr sented printed invitations. In this ar plans are also going forward to en four new communities. In a very br space of time 101 persons were ba tized in Makkomenai, near Sapporo



Hong Kong Classroom-Chapel
Large characters over the door read: "Concordia Bible School" and the smaller ones: "Savior Lutheran Mission." Built for $300 at Rennie's Mill Camp, Kowloon, Hong Kong, the school was dedicated February 25, 1951. Funds came from students of Concordia College, Fort Wayne. Ind.

Persistence in the Philippines

Nor are the Philippines without t evident blessings of the Holy Spi Mission expansion of these islands ca for dogged persistence and pati effort. But the Lord does bless th sort of activity. Only in 1950 did begin work on the island of Mindan

First Confirmation Class
Six Philippine Christians became the first m bers of our church at Binalonan on Christ 1950, after instruction by Missionary Nor Becker

by the end of the year small ps have been gathered in both ao and Cagayan. In Binalonan the group to be confirmed was gath- to the church at Christmas. Here we notice that those who have ived the Word are eager to spread Word. Missionary Becker tells the y of Miss Niomesia Viloria, a young olteacher who has found employ- t in the rugged territory of Moun- Province. This province is largely an territory in the original sense he word. When Miss Viloria left her second term of teaching in i, she took with her leftover Sun- school leaflets in the hope that she d teach Bible stories in her spare . During the previous summer ation she had served as a teacher he Vacation Bible School in Bina- an. This, despite the fact that she not yet been confirmed. When she e back after three months of hing, she could not help stopping tell the pastor how the children d the Bible stories. They would e to her through the noon hour beg her to tell more stories. They d especially to hear the stories ut the birth and death of Jesus. e she did not have enough lessons distribute among all the children, would stage a contest so that the dren who did the best work would the ones to receive the leaflets. She ld report on the power of the Word he lives of these children. She said: me of the mothers told me that ir children are already beginning to rm. They do not speak so many words. Some of them will not eat ess they first pray. Some of them listened to my Bible stories are ing their schoolmates not to fight say bad words, because God is ching." There is power in the rd, life-giving, transforming power.

Loyalty in China

Also in China, despite the very icult situations that confront the rch today, we witness the power

Luke and John in India

ntly baptized in Bargur, they are the fruit ears of instruction in an area where results been meager. Luke is of high-caste Brah- parentage. John's parents are illiterate ers who objected violently against his be- ing Christian and threatened to sue the ionary for "breaking their caste." Both ve remained faithful despite persecution

of the Spirit. Only recently we had the report of one of our newer groups in China that is now left to work out its own way. Though all action seems to have been informal, yet they have agreed that they will meet together to hear the Word, to read it, and to study it. A variety of printed material has been left with them, and that very likely will form the basis of their meetings. We trust that they will also find someone in their midst who will develop into a pastor for them so that they may continue to receive the blessings of the Word.

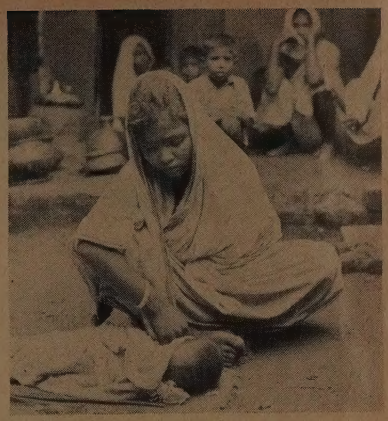
Pentecost was a great miracle, but that same miracle continues to take place in many ways before our eyes every day. The Lord does wondrous things, and how grateful we can be that He permits us to share in it in one way or another. We think of those workers who can go out for us directly into the field, and many of them are going this year, twenty new workers according to present plans. We think also of the large group of people who remember the work of missions in prayers and also in gifts. In the past few years the Board of Foreign Missions has become quite used to receiving announcements that someone is ready to give one thousand, five thousand, and ten thousand dollars. These people's hearts are stirred with the stories of the blessings that God gives the preaching of the Word, and they want to do what they can to make Gospel preaching more possible. So the Lord would also use us all to bring to many in all parts of the world the Spirit's blessings.

Famine in India

For the fourth year in succession India has had no monsoon rains. As a result, not as much food can be grown as in good years. A food shortage means that India will experience famine, starvation, untold suffering. Areas in which our mission is active are vitally affected.

Will Another Kernel Drop?

Orphaned waifs don't dare touch the grain sacks on the cart, but sometimes kernels sift out. And every grain pushes death back a little. (Acme Photo)



Starvation's Toll

A homeless young Indian mother waits for the corpse removal squad which picks up the bodies of children who have starved to death (Acme Photo)

Christian hearts are stirred to sympathy by a food shortage in India. Wholeheartedly Christians will support the plan of our Government to send two million tons of food to India. But our people will want to do more. The sum which our synodical Board of Relief has already made available is only a drop in the bucket. Much more is needed. Money sent in by our Church members here in America and distributed through our Board of Foreign Missions and through our missionaries on the field will be a great help. We trust that many people will be moved by Christian love to send in their contributions for this purpose.

These funds will be used to send food to India, either in larger bulk or in prepared packages. Money can be sent in any amount. Anyone who would like to be the donor of a prepared package should contribute $6.00 per package. Cards will be enclosed in the package, to be signed by the recipient and then returned to the donor. The prepared packages contain unpolished rice, white sugar, milk powder, ghee, dried peas, hard candies, and vitamins. These packages weigh eleven pounds and lend themselves readily to distribution through our missionaries and schools. They are shipped to India in crates of 24 boxes, duty free if the gift food is distributed to the needy without distinction of race, caste, or creed. Distribution as planned through our schools and under the supervision of our missionaries will reach people of all races, castes, and creeds. Donors have the assurance, too, of a fair and conscientious handling of those shipments by our personnel.

May God bless this effort to bring relief to starving people.

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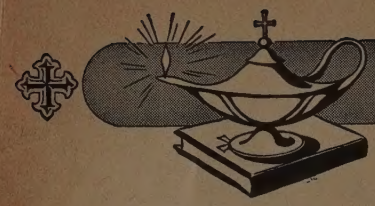

Editorials

The WITNESS Watchword: **"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."—1 Peter 2:9.**

Pentecost and Youth

Pentecost is the festival commemorating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh, young and old; but it is significant, nevertheless, that youth is singled out for special mention. Peter, quoting the Prophet Joel, says: "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams" (Acts 2:17). In literal fulfillment of this prophecy the four daughters of Philip the Evangelist did prophesy (Acts 21:9).

There are various kinds of prophesying. The Prophets of the Old Testament times often prophesied by foretelling the future. In the early Christian Church there were similar prophets. Thus the daughters of Philip prophesied, as did Agabus, who foretold the imprisonment of Paul (v. 11). But there is also another way of prophesying, namely, by simply proclaiming the truths which the Holy Spirit has given us in God's Word. To prophesy means to speak in God's stead, as His mouth. That our sons and daughters can and should do today. We have no need, however, of new revelations, of visions or dreams. What we need to know for our spiritual life and for our soul's salvation we have in that Book which was given us by inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

It is important to remember that. Through the Word of God the Holy Spirit makes prophets out of young and old who prophesy in this manner. That Word must also be the content of their prophecy. It must, therefore, be the subject of their meditation. And in accord with this fact, the study of the Word must at all times be the very center of our youth program. Nothing less will do. We are born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever (1 Pet. 1:23).

Do We Appreciate Our Government?

In recent months we in the United States have had abundant occasion to exercise our democratic prerogative of criticizing those in high places. The conniving at crime on the part of local law-enforcement officials, as recently revealed, shocked large numbers of our citizens. The disclosures of unsavory tactics in still higher circles in connection with Government loans, a mink coat, and a few other things did not make them any happier. Perhaps there is some comfort in the fact that investigations of crime are still considered in order and that large numbers of citizens can still be shocked. We should criticize the evil in our Government and try to do something about it. But do we fully appreciate the good in it?

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has been removed from his command in the Far East by order of President Truman. A debate is raging over the right or wrong of the President's decision. But in the same paper which told about the General's dismissal appeared another report. It stated that two Czech generals facing arrest as "anti-state plotters" killed themselves recently, and a third — the chief of army intelligence — attempted suicide. General MacArthur has returned to the United States, but not to be liquidated. He came back to address a joint session of Congress in order to give an account to the representatives of the American people.

Again, many newspapers are roundly criticizing the President, but are doing it without the slightest fear of suffering the fate of *La Prensa,* the great journal killed by the dictator of Argentina. Let us continue to pray that the Lord of Lords would look with favor upon the land in which we dwell, preserve its liberties unimpaired, and promote perpetually both its temporal and spiritual welfare. May He take into His gracious protection our Government and all persons in public office. And then let us not forget to thank Him when He hears us.

"Your Zeal Hath Provoked Very Many"

To the Editor's desk has come a copy of a Sunday bulletin with the heading "Wealthy Street BAPTISTEMPLE" and the legend: "Christ saves." The place of publication is not given, but for our purposes that is not important. What is important is the proposed missionary budget for the year from March 1, 1951, to February 29, 1952. This calls for a total of $55,000, including $7,500 for new missionaries. Underneath is the notice: "In addition to voting on the above budget at the Annual Meeting, the Church Board will recommend to the church the disbursement of $4,000 of the present missionary balance to ten missionary projects. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND this important Business Meeting." Other interesting financial items are the following: Bible School Offerings, February 18, 1951: Current, $106.61; Missions, $425.29; Building Fund, $77.9[illegible] Church Offerings: Current, $853.84; Missions, $910.0[illegible] Building Fund, $149.70. A comparison of the amount collected for missions with the amount collected for current expenses is revealing. The bulletin emphasizes missionary information, Bible reading, and prayer.

Feed the Hungry

Famine is again stalking the crowded villages and cities of India. Millions are facing a slow and painful death by starvation. If Jeremiah were there today, he could say of them what he said of the starving leaders of his people: "Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets; their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick. They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger; for these pine away, stricken through for want of the fruits of the field" (Lam. 4:8-9). Who could recognize an acquaintance among living skeletons such as those whom the Prophet describes or among the starving people of India? Quick

h by the sword must be preferred to the torturous
h by starvation.

Perhaps such thoughts as these would not be so dis-
sing if it were not for the fact that we are worried
ut a surplus of food while others are starving. It is even
e uncomfortable to ponder on what He might think of
policy of controlled production and destruction of
lus food who fed the hungry and bade His disciples:
ther up the fragments that remain, that nothing be
" (John 6:12). To destroy food, the gift of God, while
rs are starving may be one way of keeping up domestic
es and maintaining a high standard of living; but God
His own economic laws, and it will pay wise statesmen
to disregard them.

d's Economics

God reminds us that He is the Giver of our daily bread.
us has taught us to pray for it. As God gave His people
ad from heaven for their hunger (Neh. 9:15), so He gives
l to the hungry at all times (Ps. 146:7). He may do it
blessing the fields of the farmer or by moving the hearts
hose blessed with abundant food to share it with the
dy. Famine is a terrible scourge of God, which, however,
l wields — the same God who would have His people
l the hungry. John beheld "a pale horse; and his name
t sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him.
l power was given unto them over the fourth part of the
th, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death,
l with the beasts of the earth" (Rev. 6:8). It is God's
rogative to give such power; but the just man is one who
"spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the
ngry, and hath covered the naked with a garment" (Ezek.
7). God tells us what kind of fast or service pleases Him.
says: "Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry and that
u bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when
u seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou
e not thyself from thine own flesh?" (Is. 58:7). On the
y of Judgment, Christ will say to those on His right
d: "I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat; I was
rsty, and ye gave Me drink" (Matt. 25:35), for "Inasmuch
ye have done it unto one of the least of these My
thren, ye have done it unto Me" (v. 40). Indeed, God's
ple feed their very enemies. This is so important to
l that He had it recorded in both the Old and the New
tament. He says: "If thine enemy be hungry, give Him
ad to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink;
thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the
d shall reward thee" (Prov. 25:21; Rom. 12:20).

unger and Communism

Many in India are actually starving to death. Millions
never without the gnawing pain of hunger. We fear
spread of Communism. At this point we should ask
rselves: What makes Communists? Doubtless a number
things, but of these hunger is one. Solomon says: "Men
not despise a thief if he steal to satisfy his soul when
is hungry" (Prov. 6:30), and he prays: "Give me neither
verty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me,
I be full, and deny Thee, and say, Who is the Lord?
lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God
vain" (Prov. 30:8-9). The sight of great riches, on the
hand, and, on the other, poverty and hunger, leads to
ft and godlessness. May the wealthy nations not forget
poor, and may the rich not forget God and His concern
the hungry!

A Reflection on the Church

Probably moved by the argument that the end justifies the means, some "well-meaning" souls again managed to bring before the Legislatures of some States bills which would have permitted churches and charitable organizations to indulge in open gambling. Churches and charitable organizations are a good thing; so why not let them get a little of the money that people, so we are told, will have to spend on gambling to satisfy an inborn instinct? In other words, a little thievery if it serves a good purpose may be condoned. Let the law close an eye to it, but let it do it legally and in good order.

The Rev. Walter Birkner in a late issue of the Central District Stewardship Bulletin speaks his mind on all efforts to make it legal for churches to run gambling operations to bolster the congregations' treasuries. His words should stir the indignation of church people against any such grants of special privilege to churches. We quote:

"During the recent session of the Indiana State Legislature an 'Anti-Gambling' bill was introduced. It was finally lost in a legislative shuffle between the House and the Senate. Whether the objections raised against the form in which the bill was drawn were valid we are not competent to judge, because we have not been trained in the law. But we were very much disturbed when we read that an amendment had been offered exempting fraternal organizations *and churches* from the provisions of the Bill!!! Upon what low estate the Church has fallen in the opinion of many people! Here we have the almost unbelievable spectacle that the organization to which the ascending Savior addresses His parting words, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature,' has established a reputation which urges men to grant her official dispensation to steal! Even though the amendment probably was intended to legalize the nefarious gaming tolerated and encouraged by the Roman Catholic Church among the 'faithful' (including willing Protestants — unfortunately also some Lutherans — who are always ready to take a chance), nevertheless the stigma rests upon the entire Church. There is only one fitting word that occurs to us at the moment — phooey!"

We hope that the writer will not object if we add our own "phooey!" to his.

The Christian and Modern Science

The age in which we are living is an exciting one. Science is prying into the mysteries of nature at an amazing rate. From day to day new and startling discoveries may be expected. First it was the atom, once considered indivisible, that came under close scrutiny, with the result that the older concepts of the relation of mass and energy were tossed into the ash can. Now the study of plant and animal cells appears to be about to disclose facts which will be of the utmost importance to medicine. Long ago the microscope revealed that these minute cells had a nucleus surrounded by a jellylike cytoplasm. Lately it has been discovered that in this cytoplasm are other small bodies, called enzymes, each of which must perform its special function if the body is to remain in a healthy state. There may be as many as one thousand different enzymes in a given cell, each one doing its bit in nature's processes.

We Christians welcome these discoveries of science. They help us to appreciate more fully the glory of our God, who made and sustains this universe and all that is therein and without whom even the smallest item could not function.

News

WORLD

Land reform measures in Japan under Gen. Douglas MacArthur since 1945 have made 70% of all Japanese farmers the owners of the land they cultivate. This is almost double the percentage of pre-war landowners. . . . In contrast is the Soviet "land reform" in North Korea, which means simply that the state takes over ownership of the land for collective farming, requiring 55 to 60% of the farmers' produce in taxes and assessments. Whereas the farmer formerly had one landlord, now his "bosses" include local and provincial government officers plus the ever-present police. (U. S. Dept. of State Information Service.)

Korea's refugee problem is so acute that it can no longer be measured in statistics. It is estimated 2,000,000 South Koreans have been moving across their homeland from end to end in the last six months. They are streaming toward the southeastern corner of the peninsula. To them are added a considerable number of North Koreans. About 250,000 evacuees, who were moved to islands in the Korean Straits last fall, are living in camps with no means for livelihood. Much of the large food supply transported to South Korea and Seoul during the breathing spell early this year has been destroyed by later fighting.

A conspicuous change in Communist policy toward the Evangelical Church in Germany has been noted and reported by *Religious News Service*. It is thought that the new conciliatory attitude of the Communist leaders in the Soviet Zone may be a tactic to bring about the all-German talks which are currently a major project of the Soviet-German propaganda machine. Through such all-German talks and the possible creation of an all-German constituent assembly the Communists hope to extend their influence over all of Germany, RNS states.

209 TV channels have been set aside for educational use by the Federal Communications Commission in its pattern of future television development in the United States. This move is important to religious groups because the channels will be available to church-affiliated colleges and universities on the same basis as State schools. There was doubt in the mind of one FCC member as to whether most privately endowed colleges would have the financial resources to operate TV stations. The plan will not be final until after hearings are held and the entire allocation pattern for nation-wide commercial telecasting is approved.

Otto Fuerbringer, son of Dr. Ludwig Fuerbringer, late president of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has been named assistant managing editor of *Time* magazine. He began his journalistic career in St. Louis and since 1942 has been on the editorial staff of *Time*.

CHURCH

Openings for Negro teachers in Grand Rapids, Mich., high schools have again been requested by the layman's league of Central Christian Church. The league asks that teachers be hired on merit, regardless of race or color. The director of the local Urban League said he was told three years ago by a school official that local parents were "not ready" for Negro teachers in the five high schools. There are five Negro teachers in the city's elementary school system, however.

An Upper Room Chapel, believed to be unique in church architecture, will be included in the new Methodist Board of Evangelism headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. The chancel of the chapel is to be an almost exact duplication of Leonardo Da Vinci's Biblical Upper Room in his painting "The Last Supper." The building will include space for the editorial offices and shipping facilities for the *Upper Room,* Methodist devotional publication.

100,000 Protestant congregations in the United States were asked to take part April 29 to May 4 in an appeal for $10,000,000 for the completion of the Japan International Christian University. Already the Japanese Christians have exceeded their quota of $350,000 and raised $444,000, part of which was used to buy the site near Tokyo. It is hoped that the new university, dedicated to peace, democracy, and Christianity, will open in the spring of 1952. The university will be primarily a graduate institution, although it will have room for 600 undergraduates. Its aim is to provide Japanese Christian leaders in the fields of education, public administration, and social work. The 100 faculty members are to be actively in accord with the basic principles of Christianity and democracy. Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, formerly director of Church World Service promotion, is executive secretary of the ICU Foundation.

LUTHERANS

Miss Louise Guenther of Cheyenne, Wyo., member of the Missouri Synod, returned to the U. S. in April after two years' service in Germany and Italy with the Lutheran World Federation's Service to Refugees.

Prof. Arthur C. Repp, member of the LUTHERAN WITNESS Editorial Committee and professor of religious education at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Education from Washington University, St. Louis, at the close of the 1950—51 winter semester. Dr. Repp has held pastorates in New York City and in San Antonio, Tex., after which he became the Missouri Synod's first Executive Secretary for Parish Education in 1943. He has been at Concordia Seminary since 1945, is president of the Concordia Historical Institute and editor of its *Quarterly,* is a member of several honor societies and of numerous synodical committees. His doctoral thesis is entitled "The Educational Philosophy of John Chrysostom."

Walther Reuther, the Lutheran who was unanimously re-elected president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) in March, will be a headline speaker during the summer schedule of institutes at Valparaiso University. The UAW-CIO head will take part in the Labor-Management Institute, June 11—12. Other outstanding speakers on the institute schedule are Dr. Alvin Walcott Rose, professor of sociology at North Carolina College, Durham, N. C., at the second annual Institute on Race Relations, July 30—31; and Dr. Calvin Schnucher, Dubuque University, Iowa, America's foremost authority on the rural Church, at the Rural Life Institute, July 26—27. Fourteen institutes are scheduled for June, July, and August in the fields of law, liturgics, labor-management, deaconess work, Christian thought, youth work, church music, the Church and modern culture, the Valparaiso program for VI circuit representatives, public relations, rural life, race relations, and social work. Summer school students may also take advantage of the institutes. Further information may be had from the university at Valparaiso, Ind.

The SYNODICAL SCENE

oard of Directors Decisions

Among the major items of business nsacted by the synodical Board of rectors at its April meeting are the owing decisions:

Dedication of the new synodical dquarters at 210 N. Broadway, Louis, is to take place on Septem- 16.

$10,000 was granted to the Medical ssion Society to promote the estab- ument of branch societies throughout Missouri Synod.

Endorsement was given to the con- uction of a Lutheran mission hos- al in Antigua, Guatemala, and a th center in Argentina.

Appropriations were made, totaling 3,000, for construction at the Seward, br., and River Forest, Ill., teachers' leges and for the Graduate Hall at ncordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Action is to be taken in behalf of nine sufferers in our mission terri- y in India by means of a letter to congregations from Dr. O. H. hmidt, Executive Secretary of For- n Missions.

$120,000 is to be contributed to und collected by all Lutheran bodies the U. S. for production of a new n on the life of Martin Luther. Re- se date, 1952.

A report was heard from the com- ttee headed by Dean L. C. Wuerffel Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, on possible role of television in Syn- 's missionary efforts.

Walther League Convention in St. Louis, July 8—12

Military emergency and the compe- ion of TV may be confronting local alther League societies with new ngers of membership shrinkage. t an attendance of 2,000 Leaguers expected at the 59th annual conven- n of the International Walther ague, St. Louis, July 8—12.

The fun and fellowship of the con- ntion will be directed toward sur- ounting the difficulties created as rld conditions make their impact on the local congregation and its youth. More than ever the Walther League must gear its program to pre- paring youth for Christian living and for service to their congregations and their church at large.

Highlights of the four-day convention will be a moonlight cruise on the Mississippi aboard the streamlined *S. S. Admiral,* the Choral Union concert in the opera house of Kiel Auditorium under the direction of Gerhardt Schroth, an excursion to Meramec Caverns in Missouri's Ozark country, as well as each day's prayerful framework of Matins and Vespers.

Business sessions will help Leaguers gain a perspective of the aims and objectives of the total League program. Leadership in these sessions will be carried by William J. Zeiter, International president, Prof. O. H. Theiss, the Rev. Walter Wangerin, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, and the Rev. A. R. Kretzmann.

Further information and reservations may be had from Miss Dorothy Wilbert, 4122 Loughborough Avenue, St. Louis 16, Mo.

Students Observe Federal Govt. at P. R. Seminar

The present mobilization program demonstrates that our nation's citizens have failed to meet their obligations since V-J Day. And Representative Harold O. Lovre, a Lutheran of South Dakota, included the Church when he enlarged on that statement at the Washington Seminar for Lutheran Theological Students. Twenty-nine Missouri Synod students and seminarians were among the 100 Lutheran seminarians present as Rep. Lovre urged them to encourage Christians to greater discussion of state affairs. He asserted that Christian group attitudes have great influence upon Congressmen.

Dr. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches, stressed the importance of Christian social action. American Lutherans have too often neglected to initiate and support social legislation, he said. Furthermore, they have also neglected the lower classes by failing to minister effectively to either their physical or spiritual needs. Lutherans have an opportunity to exert a positive force to halt the moral disintegration of the age and to create a Christian environment.

In the course of the seminar the theological students visited the two houses of Congress and heard Speaker Sam Rayburn address them at the National Press Club. In addition they received military and diplomatic overviews of the world situation. The department of Public Relations of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and the division of Public Relations of the National Lutheran Council sponsored the seminar, which met on March 19, 20, and 21.

HANS BOEHRINGER, St. Louis, Mo.

Texas District Convention Invites 1953 Synod to Houston

The 31st Texas District Convention of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod met from March 26 to 30 in the gymnasium of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Houston, Tex., the Rev. Elmo Miertschin, pastor.

Dr. J. W. Behnken stressed the significance of Easter for Kingdom work before 828 people, who attended the opening service. He also described the international program of the Church to 272 voting delegates and 167 advisory members.

The Rev. J. E. Herrmann, Stewardship Counselor of Synod, delivered the doctrinal essay, "Striving Toward a Stewardship-Conscious Congregation," and launched Synod's Ten Million Dollar Offering in Texas.

The Rev. Roland Wiederaenders of San Antonio was voted into his first elective term as President of the District, having taken over the presidency when the Rev. Oliver R. Harms was elected to the Board of Directors of Synod. The Rev. Carl Gaertner of Dallas became the new First Vice-President, while the Rev. Albert F. Jesse of Austin was chosen as the new

Walther League Convention Planners

Gerhardt Schroth (left), Choral Union leader, helps St. Louis Convention Commitee members reach a new high. Pictured are (bottom to top) the Rev. Clarence Peters, chairman of Synod's Board for Young People's Work, Dan Beck, Oscar Merz, Arno Lehenbauer; the Misses Ruth Bloedel, Arline Schilling, Gertrude Hartmeister, Gloria Oppliger

(Goldberger Photo)

Second Vice-President. The Rev. Paul Eifert of Warda was re-elected as Secretary. Nine Visitors were re-elected, and 12 were newly named when the visitorial circuits were increased from 11 to 21.

Twelve new congregations, 16 new pastors, and seven new teachers were received into membership with Synod. The convention commended 17 congregations for becoming self-supporting during the past two years and encouraged eight subsidized congregations to consider self-sustentation. The delegates granted all missionary pastors and teachers an immediate salary increase of $30 per month, setting the minimum of $205 and a maximum of $280 per month for the married pastors. The teachers' scale averages five dollars per month less. The Board of Missions was encouraged to conduct a five-day retreat at the Walther League Camp for candidates who enter the field of missions in Texas. The program plan is to include their wives.

Congregations were encouraged to use the local Board of Education, subdivide its work, and promote parish education on every age level. Resolutions were passed calling for a 20% increase in Bible class enrollments and the doubling of the Vacation Bible School enrollments in the next year. With the slogan "Peace Through Christ" the convention resolved to seek the co-operation of all educational agencies to work for a twofold peace — peace between man and God and peace between man and man. Each agency is urged to pray for all men, especially for our enemies, for the President and Congress of the United States, and for our men and women in the Armed Services.

On the day devoted to stewardship the convention rescinded the 1949 resolution which created the position of full-time stewardship secretary and which had never been filled. Instead the Board of Directors was instructed to hire a full-time office manager for the District building now under construction in Austin. He is to take over the duties of the Treasurer and keep financial records for the Board of Missions and Church Extension. The salaries of the full-time District workers were raised by $75 per month.

By unanimous decision the Texas District invited Synod to hold the 1953 convention in Houston.

A memorial service was conducted for three pastors who entered the Church Triumphant. Nine pastors and teachers with 25 to 40 years of service in the Kingdom were honored.

The Rev. W. H. Bewie was retired with salary after 30 years of service to the District as Field Secretary for the Board of Missions. He will still discharge such duties as the Board of Directors shall assign to him.

D. D. DAUTENHAHN

Babies Rescued from Death by Africa Mission

The plight of twins and motherless babies in Nigeria, West Africa, had for a long time weighed upon the hearts of the wives of our missionaries. Twins were often rescued by them from certain death in the jungle, where they had been thrown by superstitious parents who consider twins a curse of an evil spirit. The missionaries' wives undertook the care of as many as they could in their own homes. Because of the shortage of milk, which is rationed, they had to give out babies to African mothers to nurse.

When Dr. Karl Kurth, Executive Secretary of the Synodical Conference Missionary Board, visited Nigeria several years ago, the missionary women asked for permission to establish a home where foundlings could be raised in Christian surroundings. They asked also for permission to solicit funds from U. S. friends for milk, supplies, and the building itself. In 1948 the Synodical Conference convention approved of these plans, and for the past two years a Foundling Home has existed, with Miss Helen Kluck in charge.

"We now have eleven babies in the Foundling Home," Miss Kluck wrote recently. "I will be glad when the hospital is built and we can have permanent buildings at the new location. However, the children seem to thrive . . . although it's still a difficult thing with the very small and newly born babies. Only three have survived out of eleven brought me since the middle of April. Of those three, one weighed three pounds, five ounces; one weighed three pounds, four ounces; and one just a bit better than four pounds. Even in America such babies would have a hard time. . . ."

Lutheran Christians in America will be interested to know that a contribution of $5.00 will supply canned milk to one baby for thirty days.

KARL KURTH, *Executive Secretary*
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To Capture Children's Interest in Missions

"Caught in a vicious circle" is a situation in which many a human being, the child, too, finds himself. But how delightful to be caught in a benevolent or kindly circle! Catching the Church's parish and Sunday school children in a benevolent circle of missionary activity is the aim of the second annual "Children's Missionary Project" sponsored by the Department of Stewardship, Missionary Education, and Promotion. The first step is to increase youngsters' mission information, a step which leads to enthusiasm, which leads in turn to giving, which increases interest, which leads back again to a desire for more information — a benevolent circle.

Attention is directed this year, by means of mission maps to be bordered with pictures colored by the pupils, to the Synodical Conference mission in Nigeria, West Africa. A manual is supplied for teachers, providing historical sketches of the mission, a number of simple playlets, letters from a teacher in Africa, and other activity suggestions. There are also special directions for use of a picture folder for children from kindergarten to the third grade.

With these resources to aid them, teachers will be in a position to give their pupils a well-rounded view of the Nigeria mission and to awaken the enthusiasm which motivates thankful giving. As the children "visit" Africa, they propel a pasteboard mission ship from the shores of America to Africa by turning in their coin folders. Children, according to our Savior's own testimony, are in general more receptive than adults; and so they are quicker, too, to recognize and act upon the truth which St. Paul expresses when he says, "God loveth a cheerful giver." More than 400,000 children are enrolled in our parish and Sunday schools. How much of the Lord's blessing may we expect to see flow from them into the Lord's mission treasury if they are but given a chance!

Money, however, is only the by-product of something deeper and richer. We want to train up a generation of boys and girls who as long as they live will not close their eyes in sleep unless they have first invoked God's blessing upon the missionary endeavors of the Church. We want to give them a vision of our mission fields that will lead some of them to enlist for special service in the Kingdom, and the others to pledge themselves to support those who leave home to bring the Gospel to people dwelling in darkness.

ARNOLD C. MUELLER

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"A soldier finds the sustenance to permit him calmly to face the perils of battle and the rigors of campaign in a faith in God known to few men." — Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

e Church Asks . .

WHAT ABOUT TELEVISION?

By the REV. ELMER J. KNOERNSCHILD

Station KFUO, St. Louis, Mo.

levision is here to stay. . . . No one ill dispute the grip TV has taken the life of the nation. For who is e whose business routine and home have not been juggled unhesi-ngly to take advantage of the TV erage of current U. S. history? n the churches are eagerly explor-the possibilities of this new medium religious purposes. Among them Missouri Synod Board of Directors appointed a committee to consider use of television as an aid to the odical missionary program. Even could TV be just another twentieth-ury fad, a glossy air bubble, that soon grow to the full extent of its ibilities and then burst? No, in the nion of one close to the development ne TV industry, namely, Mr. Wayne , chairman of the Federal Com-nications Commission, television is e to stay.

n support of his view, Mr. Coy nts to the phenomenal growth of TV the prospects of continued growth. cial estimates for the week of il 9, 1951, report 11,720,000 sets now use in the *fourth year* of existence TV! Although there are now only stations on the air, engineers and nical experts predict an eventual l of between 1,000 and 2,500 sta-s in the United States. "Television est," an authoritative news service, nted out that in 1950 the four-year-industry with its 107 stations ac-nulated a dollar volume of business ch was about 25% of the total busi-s done by over 2,000 stations in the ty-year-old broadcasting industry. Some people are elated about the elopment of television; and some worried. Legislators, educators, zens' clubs, and even one FCC nber, Miss Frieda Hennock, are orously recommending that some-ng must be done to uplift the pro-m content of this mushrooming ustry. Many voices have been ed in objection to the adverse effect TV programs on public morals. tion operators, program directors, producers have begun to realize t something must be done. In all concern lies the Church's oppor-ity. Churches have been offered e time on the air. Our own Lu-ran Laymen's League and other ture films were heartily received TV stations. If the Missouri Synod re in a position at this very moment offer a complete series of high-grade rist-centered films, there would be doubt about their acceptance.

What Can the Church Offer?

A religious program must first of all be Christ-centered. More than that, it must be related to the needs of our times. In order to meet the particular competition of television, the Church dare not offer merely recast radio programs; its programs dare not be amateur in character nor stale and slow of pace. They dare not lack the quality of showmanship in its highest and noblest sense.

We must remember that the present situation in television is not normal. Technically, economically, even politically, this new and extremely potent means of communication is still in a state of turmoil and ferment. Yet, some day, when East and West Coasts have been linked together by coaxial cable or by micro-wave relay systems (barring additional requirements for the defense effort, engineers predict this as a possibility by 1952) and there is a complete interchange of programs and ideas from one part of the country to the other; when satisfactory allocations of channels have been made; when the present problem of very high frequency (VHF) and ultra-high frequency (UHF) channel allotments has been solved; when the color controversy has been settled; and when there are between 1,000 and 2,500 stations on the air, the Missouri Synod had better be ready with as fine an offering of television ideas and programs as it is possible to produce!

A regular live network program is often advocated as the Church's best avenue of approach. At present this is impossible. Sometime ago one of the major networks attempted to line up forty stations for a commercial client. Because so many stations are already carrying the programs of one to four networks and have in addition a heavy load of local programing on their waiting list, the above-mentioned major network could guarantee the client only four outlets.

To get on the air on a national basis in television is possible, however, in two ways: through the use of kinescope recordings (like the four special Lutheran Hour telecasts) or through use of motion picture film. Of these two techniques the latter is much more desirable, but also a great deal more expensive. Yet, the added possibilities for film far outweigh any consideration of cost involved. Sufficient prints of such films could be made to allow for multiple showings long after their initial presentation over a local TV outlet. For Easter, 1951, the Roman Catholic Church produced "Hill Number One" on the "Family Theater." This film was made for a single release at considerable expense and contained dated references to the Korean situation. And it was viewed by an estimated audience of over 35,000,000! Most stations were happy to receive it on a sustaining (free) basis. Although the Church cannot expect to air all its programs without paying for time, yet, as soon as the present "freeze" is lifted (possibly by September, 1951) and new stations go into operation all over the country, there will be a great demand for good religious features. These features can take the form of religious drama of the "One Man's Family" type, dramatized Bible stories, or round-table discussions.

An Early Start Counts

We cannot say, of course, that the people of the U. S. are clamoring for the Gospel via television. But the disappointments and protests leveled at TV programs to date afford a welcome entrance to any agency which can provide even a partial answer to the present crying needs for worthy programs. With conditions so favorable, the Church dare not lapse into the lethargy that sometimes marked Synod's approach to radio. Some top-notch programs must be forthcoming. They will have to be done with the same professional polish, the same audience-capturing techniques which mark the best commercial programs. The Church will have to spend money, and a great deal, on its TV productions. At the present time a committee is busily engaged in studying program formats, production costs, and possible plans for amortizing these costs through film distribution in churches, societies, and other organizations.

We should not be deterred by the present confusion in the TV industry, by criticism of the Church's pioneering efforts in the field, nor by those who feel that TV cannot serve the Gospel or is not worth its high price to the Church. Rather, let us approach this "great and effectual door" with open heart and mind. Let us marshal our resources and determine as soon as possible what talents, ideas, and interests exist in our own midst. At this writing, results of a nation-wide survey conducted by the synodical Radio and Television Committee are being tabulated. While these results have not as yet been made public, it is already apparent that there is great interest among clergy and laity alike in seeing the Missouri Synod enter the field of television soon with regular programs of as fine a quality as possible. Let us eagerly and courageously use this new medium to exert a leavening influence upon souls in need of the saving Gospel.

Among THE DISTRICTS

St. John's Lutheran Church of Denver, Colo., made the front page of the *Denver Post* on the day after Palm Sunday with a picture of a confirmation by telephone. One of the members of the confirmation class at St. John's, Roger Rehberger, was at home with the mumps when Palm Sunday came. Through the kindness and generosity of Mr. Fred Nettnin, a member of the congregation, a telephone hookup was arranged between the church and Roger's bedside. By means of a two-way connection the boy at home could hear the entire service, and the congregation could hear the confirmation vows spoken from the sickbed. Roger's sister, Mar-Jean, who was confirmed at the same time, received the certificate for her brother. So far as can be determined, this is the first instance on record of such a confirmation by telephone.

Cornerstone laying for the new South Side Chicago Lutheran High School took place on April 29, about one year from the time that church members of the area decided to proceed with their school. Completion of the first unit is hoped for by September, 1951. Cost of the 13-acre property and the unit totals $350,000, of which all but $180,000 has been raised. . . . A $1,000,000 fund-raising effort for two Lutheran high schools in Detroit, Mich., is under way.

The Missionary Lutheran, Synodical Conference publication in behalf of Lutheran Negro missions, reports that in 1950 Our Savior, Buffalo, N. Y., the Rev. H. J. Lehman, pastor, added 60 members by confirmation and 42 by Baptism to the congregation which numbered 232 communicants in 1949. Forty of the 60 confirmed were adults. Two Sunday school sessions have to be held each Sunday morning to provide for the total enrollment. . . . 24 Baptisms have taken place in the first three months of 1951 at the Pensacola, Fla., church, of which the Rev. W. G. Kennell is pastor.

Now serving Atlantic District parishes in developing further their programs of religious education on every level is Dr. Arthur E. Wittmer, who was installed as the District's Executive Secretary of Parish Education in January. Dr. Wittmer was principal of St. John's School, San Francisco, Calif., 1930—50, secretary for the Board of Christian Education of the California and Nevada District at the same time, and during the past five years also associate professor in the graduate school of Lincoln University, San Francisco.

DEATHS

Victor August Walter Mennicke (December 20, 1898, Geneseo, Ill., to March 28, 1951, Sheboygan, Wis.), son of Rev. August Carl and Theresa Selle Mennicke; graduated, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1923. Pastor, St. John's, Secor, Ill., 1923 to 1927; Trinity, Reeseville, Wis., 1927 to 1944; St. Paul's, Sheboygan, Wis., 1944 to 1951. Also served the Church as editor of the South Wisconsin District Supplement of the LUTHERAN WITNESS and *Der Lutheraner* since 1939 and 1944, respectively; member of Electoral Board of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1944 to 1947; of the Board of Directors, South Wisconsin District; secretary of the Intersynodical Committee on Doctrine and Practice, 1941 to 1944. He was co-author of *Paying the Ransom,* 1946, and author of many published articles and sermons. In 1923 married Elsie Reutlinger, Effingham, Ill., who died in 1927; in 1930 married Helen Lau, Reeseville, Wis., who survives with two daughters, six sons, one brother, and six grandchildren. Funeral services March 31, conducted by President Arthur Oswald of the South Wisconsin District and the Rev. Paul Pfotenhauer at St. Paul's, Sheboygan, and at Trinity, Reeseville; burial in Trinity Cemetery, Reeseville. CORR.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Alexander von Schlichten (May 16, 1902, Yonkers, N. Y., to April 6, 1951, near Santa Barbara, Calif.), son of Dr. and Mrs. Alexander von Schlichten; graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1927. Commissioned as missionary to India, where he served at the mission school at Kodaikanal and later as pastor in Ambur, 1927 to 1933; pastor, Trinity, Islip, L. I., N. Y., 1933 to 1941, during which time he became an Army Reserve Chaplain; Post Chaplain, Camp Davis, N. C., 1941; served with the U. S. Army in North Africa and Italy, 1941 to 1945, for which he received U. S. Government citations and appointment as honorary member of the French Foreign Legion; Post Chaplain, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, 1945 to 1947; Chaplain, Wetzlar Military Post, Germany, and Chief Chaplain of Allied Occupation Army, 1947 to 1950; Chaplain, with rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Fort Monroe, Va., 1950 to 1951; killed in airplane crash near Santa Barbara, Calif., while on inspection tour of bases in the Southwest. In 1930, while in India, married Louise Rouse of York, Pa., who survives him with two sons, his parents, four brothers, and three sisters. Memorial services April 15 at Trinity, Islip, N. Y., conducted by the Rev. Arthur F. Steinke, with pastors of Metropolitan New York as guard of honor. Memorial service April 24 at St. Luke's, New York City, with Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Arthur Carl Piepkorn speaker and the Rev. E. A. G. Spruth officiant. Burial April 24 in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D. C., with military honors followed by Lutheran service. CORR.

New PUBLICATIONS

Himnario Evangelico Luterano. By the Hymnal Committee of Argentine District of The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Bahia Blanca, F. C. S., Argentina. Artificial leather cover, 85 cents; leather cover, $2.25.

Our brethren in Argentina have produced the fourth edition of this practical Spanish hymnal. It contains 240 hymns; liturgical orders set to music for morning, Communion, and vesper services; a form for emergency Baptism and introits for the church year. The present differs from former editions in that it has a number of new translations of Lutheran chorals and some additional favorite hymns. In view of doors opening themselves to our Church in Latin America, this book ought to find ready acceptance.

OTTO E. NAUMANN

Church Lobbying in the Nation's Capital. By Luke Ebersole. The Macmillan Company, New York, 1951. x+195 pages, 5½×8¼. $2.75.

A careful review of the efforts by which churches have sought to influence Congress and other agencies of Government in Washington. It deals with lobbies in the technical sense and also with efforts which operate by personnel other than registered lobbyists. In the roster of denominational agencies the Lutheran groups, too, are listed. The book is useful in describing the extent of the agencies as well as the type of project which they promote. "Church lobbies are organized to perform two chief functions: to inform, advise, and persuade legislators and administrators; and to channelize information concerning legislation and governmental actions to the church public. The lobbies vary in their willingness to apply political pressure, in their willingness to admit the use of political pressure, and in their ability to use political pressure." (P. 177.)

MUSIC

Reviewed by Walter E. Buszin

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Ordinations and Installations

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k, Delmar, missionary in Japan, at St. John, shburn, Ill., by E. Glock, Jan. 21.

PASTORS

stalled:

erson, Luther H., Gloria Dei, Minneapolis, nn., by R. R. Radtke, April 15.

els, Ernest, St. Paul, Cleghorn; St. Peter, seo, Wis., by E. G. Schedler, April 1.

nolomew, Bruce, St. Paul, Coldwater, Mich., C. A. Rook, April 22.

nger, Arthur, Trinity, Gladstone; Trinity, lead, Nebr., by R. L. Schlecht, April 8.

ner, Richard, Grace, San Diego, as institu- nal missionary by L. H. Jagels, April 15.

chen, Theodore, Immanuel, Arpin, Wis., by M. Krueger, April 9; Trinity, Vesper; inity, Seneca, Wis., by L. F. Schneider, ril 15.

ch, Clarence F., Superintendent of Be- esda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis., by eo. Eggers, April 17.

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ing, W. R., Good Shepherd, Maywood, Ill., Paul G. Krentz, April 15.

er, Clarence E., St. Paul, Sparenberg, Tex., Ad. H. Hoyer, April 8.

linger, H. F., Calvary, Coos Bay; Grace, rth Bend, Oreg., by H. C. Messerli, April 8.

Merle G., St. Paul, Centerville; Salem ar Centerville, Mich., by C. A. Rook, ril 15.

n, Theodore, Trinity, Clinton, Mass., by W. Brauer, Oct. 17, 1948.

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Official Notice

The Rev. O. C. Geisler of Spencer, Iowa, has been appointed Visitor of the Spencer Circuit in place of the Rev. Carl F. Hinrichs, who was removed from our midst by death. — G. W. Lobeck, *President, Iowa District West.*

Nominations

For "Lutheran Witness" Editor

The following have been nominated for the office of full-time editor of The Lutheran Witness, who shall be a member of the Faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.:

Rev. Walter Birkner, Fort Wayne, Ind.: Nominated by Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, Ind.; St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Rev. John Oppliger, *Secretary*
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Call for Candidates for Assistant in the Department of Adult Education of the Board for Parish Education

Pursuant to the resolution of the Milwaukee Convention which authorized the addition of two men to the staff of the Board for Parish Education and with the approval of the Board of Directors, the Board for Parish Education herewith requests all congregations in Synod to nominate suitable candidates for the position of Assistant in the Department of Adult Education.

The man to be called should have competence in Bible study and education, and should have writing ability. His principal work will be the writing of curricular materials for adult education in Bible study and family life education.

Nominations, with characterizations of the candidates, should be sent not later than June 10 to Mr. E. C. Gutz, *Secretary, Board for Parish Education*, 5708 Delor, St. Louis 9, Mo.

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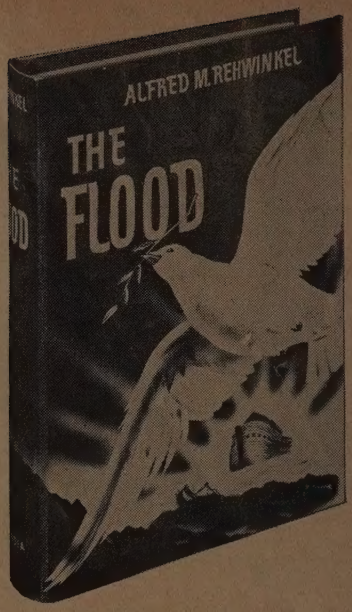

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